

Proclamation



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2019

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects everyone regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or identity, race, ability or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, all forms of domestic violence, including physical, psychological, emotional, and economic abuse, have devastating long-term effects on victims; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness, and many homeless families report a history of domestic violence, and families that experience sudden homelessness is a direct result of a violent incident in the home; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Government and the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants have taken steps to help survivors of domestic violence by establishing 24-hour hotline, and providing emergency services, paid safe leave, high-quality crisis intervention, safe housing, counseling, advocacy, and legal services:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim October 2019, in Washington, DC as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH."

